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IN CONTEXT OUR PRESENT USE OF AND RENEGOTIATION OF OUR
BASE RIGHTS ON THE AZORES, WE FEEL IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY
USEFUL IF U.S. WERE TO TAKE THE LEAD IN ADVISING
AFRICANS THAT GUINEA/BISSAU APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION
WOULD MEET WITH VETO IN SECURITY COUNCIL, RATHER THAT
KEEPING THE BRITISH AND FRENCH OUT IN FRONT AS
RECOMMENDED PARA 6 REF A. INDEED, BEST FROM OUR
POINT OF VIEW WOULD BE U.S. INDICATION TO AFRICANS
THAT U.S. ITSELF WOULD VETO PROPOSAL IF PRESENTED TO
SC. FOR SAME REASONS, WE REITERATE REF B RECOMMENDATION
THAT U.S. MAKE REPRESENTATIONS IN OSLO AND COPENHAGEN
AGAINST RECOGNITION OF GUINEA/BISSAU. WE RECOGNIZE
THAT AFRICAN AND OTHER REASONS MIGHT MILITATE AGAINST
THESE APPROACHES, BUT WE CONSIDER IT OF OVERRIDING
IMPORTANCE THAT U.S., BY THESE ACTIONS, PROVE TO
GOP THAT U.S. IS INDEED, AS WE HAVE RECENTLY HAD
OCCASION TO CLAIM, ONE OF PORTUGAL'S BEST FRIENDS.
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